



**OUR THERAPY STAFF WERE THE STARS OF OUR COSTUME PARADE.
THEY LOOKED AMAZING AND MADE US SMILE ALL DAY!**

**Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter
Term 3 Issue 22, Tuesday 27th August 2024**

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

AUGUST

Friday 30th

**FATHER'S DAY STALL
10am to 2pm**

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 12th

- RUOK? Day

Wednesday 18th

- Sports Day



Last Friday's book week celebration was a tremendous success! Students and staff worked hard preparing their many decorations and costumes in anticipation of the event. Each class paid special attention to decorating their classroom doors. The overall result was a spectacular, colourful celebration. Thank you to the parents and carers who attended and were part of the celebrations, we hope you had a good time as the students and staff did! If you haven't done so already, take the time to visit our Facebook page to see the celebrations!

The new school build continues on schedule. Recent works include the roof going up and the windows being installed. The bricklayers have started cladding the external walls ready for the rest of the wall cladding. The school and builder are working with the architects to finalise the design of the external grounds including new play equipment.

As term 3 starts to wind down, we will be soon transiting new 2025 students into the school. Many of the middle school students have visited the school already in anticipation of participating in a transition program. Early next term we will start our foundation students transition program with a potential large group of preppies.



Our Commitment to Child Safety

Warragul & District Specialist School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. Warragul & District Specialist School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Warragul & District Specialist School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the safety of children with a disability as well the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Every person involved in Warragul & District Specialist School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

WDSS Parents & Friends are holding a Fathers Day Stall on Friday 30th August from 10am to 2pm at the school...

- Gifts will be priced at \$3, \$5 & \$10.
- Please send in money in a named envelope
- Students will shop with their classes to buy something for their dad, step-dad (or grandad / uncles).
- We will also have some items for other special people in their lives.

**~ PARENTS HELPERS AND/OR DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME ~
(Prior to & on the day) - please contact the school for info.**

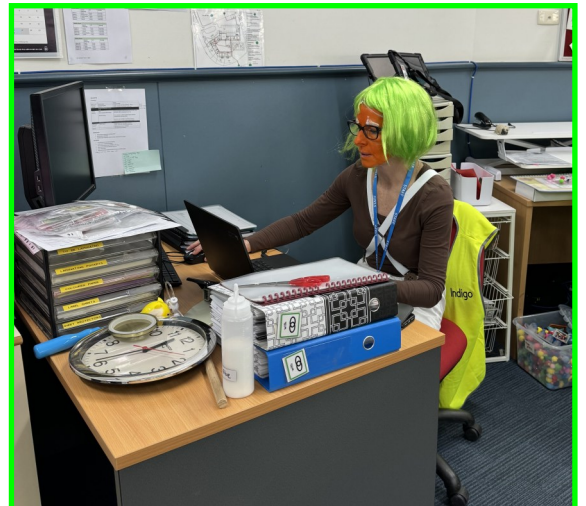


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Book Week Costume Parade



Like true Oompa Loompa's, the team got straight back to work after the fun and frivolity. Alice and Chantelle got lots of funny looks when they went out in the school bus!



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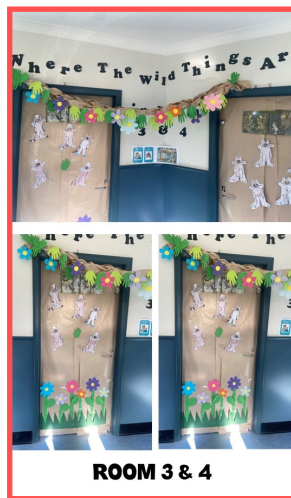
Inspired by our School Office doors, decorated for Book Week, last week we held the Inaugural Decorate a Classroom Door Competition! Students and Staff produced some amazing, creative doors and had so much fun doing it., well done everyone!



The office doors that started the very fierce completion!



Room 1 & 2



ROOM 3 & 4



ROOM 7



ROOM 8



ROOM 9



Room 14



Room 15



Room 16



Room 17



Room 18



ROOM 19



Room 21



Book Week Door Decorating Competition

Encouragement Award – Room 1 & 2

Best Theme – Room 3 & 4

Most Incredible Door – Room 7

Fan Favourite Door – Room 8

Best Variety of Doors – Room 9

**Best Student Participation & Team Spirit Award –
Room 14**

Funniest Door – Room 15

Most Beautiful Door – Room 16

Most Creative Door – Room 17

Brightest Door – Room 18

Cleverest Door – Room 19

Thinking Outside the Door – Room 20

Best Use of Student Voice – Room 21

Most Colourful Door – Therapy Room



DRAMA CLASS

A group of Senior and Middle school students have been attending weekly Drama and Dance lessons with Michelle from 'Be Performing Arts'.

The students have learned choreography for a dance routine, practised some short drama skits, learnt to use a microphone, singing solo and in a group, and are preparing for their performance in two weeks. It has been great to see the students develop their confidence in performing, working with others, practising new skills and language, and working towards a presentation of their hard work.

- Steph R



Juniors

Room 4

Room 4 students welcomed Stevie and Jolene into their class this Term and they have settled in beautifully! It is lovely to see our Juniors forming friendships and seeking out each other at play-time. As well as being such excellent **Learners** in the classroom, Room 4 are also experts at Community Access and they love getting on the bus and testing out the locals parks!



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Room 20

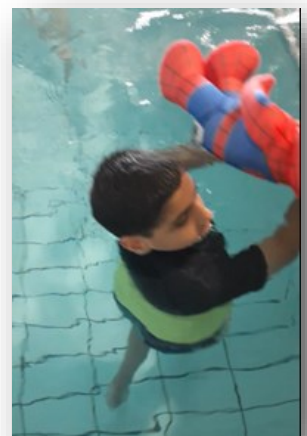


The students made vegetarian pizza, demonstrating their ability to engage in meaningful activities. The process allowed them to explore textures, tastes, and cooking techniques in a hands-on way.



The students attend hydrotherapy sessions weekly, benefiting from the therapeutic effects of water-based exercises. In the pool, they engage in activities that help improve their motor skills and coordination, guided by trained staff. The sessions are tailored to their individual needs, fostering a sense of comfort and security in the aquatic environment. Hydrotherapy not only enhances their physical abilities but also offers a joyful and engaging experience that contributes to their overall well-being.

- Chips



Ask RUOK?™ ANY DAY

Have a conversation using these 4 steps



How are you travelling?

You don't seem yourself lately - want to talk about it?

Ask R U OK?



I'm here to listen if you want to talk more.

Have you been feeling this way for a while?

Listen



What do you think is a first step that might help you?

Have you spoken to your doctor about this?

Encourage action



Just wanted to check in and see how you're doing?

Have things improved for you since our last chat?

Check in

Learn more at ruok.org.au



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Enabling Visions and Growing Expectations

EVIDENCE BASED

Free Parent Program

Co-Developed with Families
for Families

ENVISAGE is a peer program to **empower you and your family to feel confident and supported** in raising children aged 0-8 who have a developmental concern, disability or who are neurodiverse.

Your child does **not** need a diagnosis or NDIS plan for you to participate. It is fully funded therefore **no cost you**.

The interactive workshops are facilitated by a trained health professional together with a parent with **lived experience**. The program is an opportunity to:

CONNECT & SHARE EXPERIENCES

LEARN EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES

ACCESS PRACTICAL SUPPORT TOOLS

"ENVISAGE will show you that the best guidebook often lives within yourself, and sometimes, all we need is a trusted framework to light the way"

- Bree, Parent NSW



How It's Delivered



90 mins per week



5 Weeks



Online & In-Person
options available

Register Online

Scan the QR Code or
contact our team to
register / find out more:



 (07) 3861 6079

 envisage@acu.edu.au

ENVISAGE Families Australia is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to dss.gov.au for more information.



STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



WILLOW

Being a **LEARNER** - great work in Learners Love Literacy sessions.



JOLENE

Being a **LEARNER** - great work in Learners Love Literacy sessions.



LOTTIE

Being **SAFE** by having safe hands and feet.



JAX

Being a **LEARNER** - completing his matching activities independently and correctly.



BROCK

Being **RESPECTFUL** by being a good friend and helping others.



JOSH

Being a **LEARNER** and always giving her learning tasks a go. Well Done.



BEN

For doing **HARD** things! Ben climbed a steep hill and managed to work his way down again!



SETH

Being a **LEARNER**, joining in and doing his best during a LLL lesson. .



School Canteen Order

Term 3 2024 (Thursdays)

Student Name: _____ Room: _____

HOT FOOD			DRINKS		Total: \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Sausage Roll (2) \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Party Pies (2) \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Dim Sims (3) \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Soy Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Milk \$2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Apple Juice \$2.00 	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Nuggets (6) \$4.00 	<input type="checkbox"/> Baked Potato \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Bacon <input type="checkbox"/> Coleslaw <input type="checkbox"/> Sour Cream 	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Milk \$2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange Juice \$2.00 		
GLUTEN FREE			SNACKS		
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Check out the following pages for some awesome School Holiday activities !



September 23rd – 4th October
Program – All Ages Welcome

BYO LUNCH FOR ALL ACTIVITIES
FOOTYDAY LUNCH PROVIDED

MONDAY 23 RD September	TUESDAY 24 TH SEPTEMBER	WEDNESDAY 25 TH SEPTEMBER	THURSDAY 26 TH SEPTEMBER	FRIDAY 27 TH SEPTEMBER
Creative Cooking Dress up day of your choice In-house Cooking Cooking to take home FREE HAIRCUTS FOR CLIENTS 9:30AM – 4:30PM	Upside Down House – Melb Catching the train Exploring MELBOURNE 9:30AM – 4:30PM \$35.00	Taronga Falls Walking track Sight seeing Picnic 9:30AM – 4:30PM	My Puzzle House Sensory room Playground FREE HAIRCUTS FOR CLIENTS 9:30AM – 4:30PM \$20.00	Footy Day Dress up in Footy colours Party Pies & Sausage rolls Colouring Competition PUBLIC HOL RATES APPLY 10:00AM – 4:00PM
MONDAY 30 TH SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 1 ST OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 2 ND OCTOBER	THURSDAY 3 RD OCTOBER	FRIDAY 4 TH OCTOBER
Movie Day Dress up in PJ'S Popcorn, Hot chocs & Marshmallows FREE HAIRCUTS FOR CLIENTS 9:30AM – 4:30PM	Wildlife Day Learning about the Animals Drawing Competition FREE HAIRCUTS FOR CLIENTS 9:30AM – 4:30PM	Sensory Lab Slime Playdoh Sensory Activities FREE HAIRCUTS FOR CLIENTS 9:30AM – 4:30PM	Emerald Lake Paddle Boats Birds and Wildlife Picnic 9:30AM – 4:30PM \$13.00	Teddy Bear Picnic Bring Favourite Teddy Biscuit Decorating FREE HAIRCUTS FOR CLIENTS 9:30AM – 4:30PM



Prices are based on the NDIS guidelines for staff client ratio

Custom drops off and pickups times can be made available

For any enquiries and bookings please contact us on 0490 145 333 or support@imincludeddisability.com.au



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SEPTEMBER 2024

<p>Friday 13th of September 3:30pm to 9pm</p>	<p>Jurassic World The Exhibition</p>	<p>The Exhibition immerses audiences of all ages in scenes inspired by the beloved film. Now, the park that was only a promise comes to life... right before your eyes. Discover the science of Jurassic World and come face to face with life-size dinosaurs. Dinner included.</p>
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SEPTEMBER - Week 1 School Holiday Schedule

<p>Monday 23rd to Thursday the 26th of September 9am to 4pm</p>	<p>In-House Activities</p>	<p>In-House Activities: bring your own lunch daily. Arts & crafts, puzzles, cooking, in-house movies, park, outdoor activities & AFL footy dress up fun day. Please tick what day(s) you require: MON <input type="checkbox"/> TUES <input type="checkbox"/> WED <input type="checkbox"/> THURS <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Monday 23rd of September 10am to 4:30pm</p>	<p>Caldermeade Farm</p>	<p>Caldermeade Farm is a modern dairy farm and a family friendly café in Caldermeade. Enjoy local cuisine, animal nursery, guided tours, milking parlour and more at this historic property. Lunch included.</p>
<p>Tuesday 24th of September 9:30 to 4pm</p>	<p>South Gippsland Tank Adventures</p>	<p>Escorted tour of the army vehicle collection, inside and out, including a 20-minute ride for each person along bush tracks in either a FV432 or MRV. BBQ lunch included.</p>
<p>Wednesday 25th of September 10am to 4pm</p>	<p>Fountain Gate Village Movie Day</p>	<p>Fountain Gate Village Movie Day: Come & see the latest new release blockbuster movie on the big screen. Popcorn combo included. Please bring spending money for food court lunch.</p>
<p>Thursday 26th of September 8:30am to 6pm</p>	<p>Melbourne Show</p>	<p>This year's show is truly unmissable, featuring incredible new attractions & entertainment, more farm experiences & animals, & greater value with loads of free activities to see, do, taste, and discover. Bring your own lunch.</p>



Please complete the booking form to reserve your place. All our activity services are quoted on a 1:2 staff to participant ratio. Please contact us on 1300 604 374 if requiring a 1:1 pricing structure or have any questions.
Thank you.



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SEPT & OCTOBER - Week 2 School Holiday Schedule

Monday 30th of Sept to Friday the 4th of October 9am to 4pm	In-House Activities	In-House Activities: bring your own lunch daily Arts & crafts, puzzles, cooking, in-house movies, park, and outdoor activities. Please tick what day/(s) you require: MON <input type="checkbox"/> TUES <input type="checkbox"/> WED <input type="checkbox"/> THURS <input type="checkbox"/> FRI <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 30th of September 10am to 4pm	Cooking Skills Day	Develop your independent living skills in cooking a main meal & dessert to a planned budget. Go to the grocery store, purchase ingredients & enlighten your inner MasterChef. You can even take your meal home to share.
Tuesday 1st of October 10am to 4pm	Traralgon Indoor Pool	Enjoy the indoor water play zone, waterslides, quiet time in the therapy pool & spas, or swim laps. Come and join us! Lunch included.
Wednesday 2nd of October 10am to 4:30pm	Lake Glenmaggie Day Trip	Enjoy a relaxed pace at the lake. Fish, canoe or stand-up paddleboard. Bring your own lunch.
Thursday 3rd of October 9am to 5pm	Kingpin Crown Melbourne	Evaluate your skill at bowling & laser tag with your friends in the heart of Melbourne. Lunch provided
Friday 4th of October 10am to 4pm	Grounded Paws Animal Rescue & Cat Café	Come join us as we visit rescue animals from the Latrobe Pound in an Alice in Wonderland setting. Enjoy a café lunch. Lunch provided.

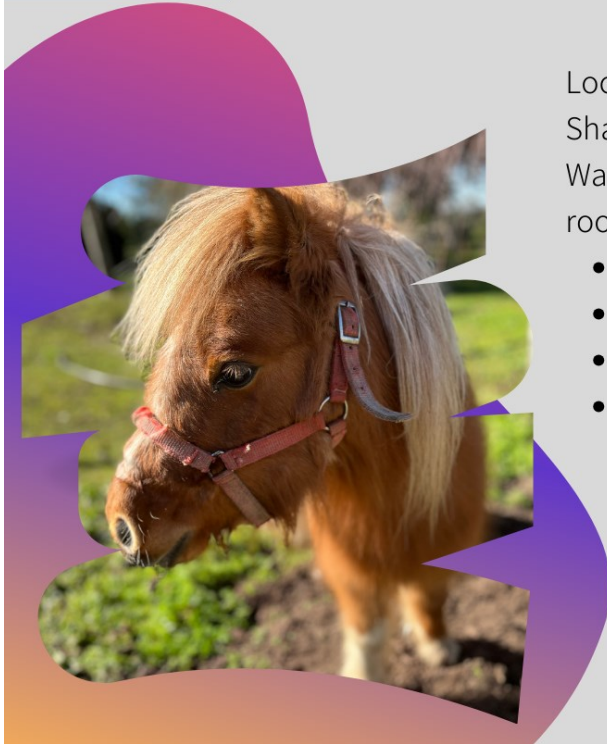
Monday 30th of September 9am to Friday 4th of October 4pm - 5 days/4 nights	Gippsland Lakes Retreat Stay 5 days/4 nights	Enjoy a country homestead retreat stay at a property adjoining the majestic Tambo River. Explore Lakes Entrance & the stunning Ninety Mile Beach, mini golf/lolly shop & fishing. Experience Buchan Caves on a guided tour of the Royal Cave and its spectacular formations. All meals & planned activities included.
Monday 30th of September 9am to Wed 2nd of October 4pm - 3 days/2 nights	Gippsland Lakes Retreat Stay 3 days/2 nights	Enjoy a country homestead retreat stay at a property adjoining the majestic Tambo River. Explore Lakes Entrance & the stunning Ninety Mile Beach, mini golf/lolly shop & fishing. Experience Buchan Caves on a guided tour of the Royal Cave and its spectacular formations. All meals & planned activities included.
Wednesday 2nd of October 9am to Friday 4th of October 4pm 3 days/2 nights	Gippsland Lakes Retreat Stay 3 days/2 nights	Enjoy a country homestead retreat stay at a property adjoining the majestic Tambo River. Explore Lakes Entrance & the stunning Ninety Mile Beach, mini golf/lolly shop & fishing. Experience Buchan Caves on a guided tour of the Royal Cave and its spectacular formations. All meals & planned activities included.



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DISABILITY RESPITE FARM RETREAT



Located in the picturesque Shady Creek 10 minutes from Warragul. Fully facilitated rooms and bathrooms

- Equine assisted learning
- Farm activities
- Bush walks
- socialization

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To be held at Natures Beauty Spa Salon in Poowong
Tuesdays 10am - 2pm

Starting 3rd of September running for 6 weeks

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